

Samuel and Mary Saylor. Reverend Saylor was a Free Will Baptist minister whose ministry took the family to both Unicoi and Carter Counties in Tennessee as well as Mitchell County, North Carolina before they settled in Johnson City, Tennessee. Paul was the third of four sons born to the Saylor.

Saylor's legacy included not only service to his country but his admirable character, as well. Letters that he wrote to his family during his year in the United States Navy revealed his intelligence, his strong work ethic, and his generous spirit.

Growing up the son of a Free Will Baptist minister during the Great Depression gave Paul a deeply personal understanding of the financial burden his family faced. Lower enlisted men received very little pay during the early 1940s however, Paul's letters indicated that he was sending money home to his parents showing a strong sense of responsibility. He also was driven to succeed as his writings revealed that he figured out early that if he studied hard and passed his exams he could be promoted. His time of service was just over a year, but he was quickly promoted to Fireman First Class.

Paul Saylor's remains were unidentified, like many others, until modern analysis revealed his identity, allowing him to be brought home for a proper burial on August 20, 2021. Although his life was tragically cut short, his memory will continue to live and generations to come will see his name recorded on the Walls of the Missing at the Punchbowl, along with the others who are missing from WWII. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Navy Fireman First Class Paul E. Saylor's legacy and ultimate sacrifice to our Nation. He represents the spirit and sacrifice that has made the First District of Tennessee as well as these United States, great.

HONORING LULA WINDLESS BOYD

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 23, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable community servant, Lula Windless Boyd.

Lula was born on September 26, 1949, in Marks, MS. She is the fourth child of eleven children (8 girls and 3 boys) born to the late Matthew and Ruth Hodo Windless. She grew up in the Squirrel Lake community in Darling, MS. She has a host of nieces and nephews. This family sticks together like glue. It's never a dull moment during family gatherings. When one hurt, they all hurt. Trending technology has allowed this family to communicate with each other daily, literally all day. Her phone chimes all day because of the messages she receives from her family members.

Lula is the mother of three lovely children, Tywonda Boyd, Lynette Moffett, and Marcus Boyd. She is a grandmother to 5 grandchildren, granny to 5 great-grandchildren, and granny to 7 extended grandchildren, she loves all of them very much. There's no limit to what she would do for her family. She has an endless list of individuals she calls her friend, family member, or church member.

Lula is a faithful member of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Darling, MS, under Gregory Coleman's leadership. She confessed a hope in Christ at an early age and has been a member of this church all her life under different pastors. She has been the Financial Secretary for over thirty-plus years, and she enjoys her position there.

Lula graduated from Quitman County High School in May 1966. She also attended Coahoma Community College and graduated in May 1968 and Mississippi Valley State University from 1968 to 1969. Her first work experience was at Falcon Junior High School in Falcon, MS, as a Teacher Assistant. Her second work experience was at Delta Hills Head Start Central Office in Holly Springs, MS, as a payroll clerk from September 1970 to May 1977. Other jobs included Mississippi Department of Corrections Office Clerk from July 1977 to September 1978, Wilsew Manufacturing in Sledge, MS, as a payroll clerk, and lastly the Mississippi Department of Human Services as an Eligibility Worker, and she later became a Case Manager. She was a faithful employee at the Mississippi Department of Human Services from August 1981 to April 2014. She retired on April 16, 2014 and began living her best life.

Currently, Lula is enjoying her retirement by giving back to the community. Before the pandemic, she often volunteered at the Quitman County nursing home. She is the type that seldom says no when asked to complete a task either in the community or at church. She enjoys helping individuals in the community, spending time with her family, cooking, gardening, traveling, and doing things she could not do while working an 8 to 5 job.

She lived to see two significant milestones: her 50th year graduating from high school, May 2016, and her 50th year graduating from Coahoma Community College, May 2018. Our family is proud to call her mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt, and cousin.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Lula Windless Boyd for her dedication in serving her community.

IN RECOGNITION OF ONEIDA NATION'S CONSERVATION EFFORTS

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 23, 2021

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the Oneida Nation for receiving the Lake Michigan Champions of Conservation Award.

The Lake Michigan Champions of Conservation Award honors people, programs, community groups, and businesses for outstanding achievements in the restoration, protection, or promotion of Lake Michigan. The Oneida Nation continuously provides critical services and programs to preserve, restore, and enhance our environment, and are extremely deserving of this recognition.

The Oneida Nation has a long history of caring for our environment and understands that preserving and protecting the environment is a responsibility given to us all by our creator. The Oneida Nation has made environmental conservation a priority, administering

conservation programs, like the Tribal Environmental Response Program, a program intended to address the release of hazardous and regulated materials into the environment. Additionally, the Oneida Nation has played a crucial role in the restoration of our watershed by returning wildlife habitat land back into natural areas, wetlands, forests, and grasslands. They also frequently partner with local governments, agencies, and private landowners to continue improving water quality standards locally.

The Oneida Nation offers unique community education programs consistent with the culture, vision, and priorities of the Oneida Nation. The Nation works to weave Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) practices into each of their projects by incorporating cultural information and practices. To further raise awareness, they opened their restoration projects to field tours and educational experiences by other resource professionals and interest groups.

The Oneida Nation's service to the conservation of Northeastern Wisconsin has been incredibly valuable and is deeply appreciated by the members of our community. The Oneida Nation's sincere efforts do not go unnoticed. I commend the Nation for all its efforts to be champions of conservation in Northeast Wisconsin.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in congratulating the Oneida Nation for receiving the Lake Michigan Champions of Conservation Award.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF LT. COLONEL GERALD W. BOSTON, USMC RET.

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 23, 2021

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Lt. Colonel Gerald W. Boston Retired of Baneberry, Tennessee. Jerry was born in Oklahoma of Cherokee Heritage. The family moved to Tennessee where he spent his younger years growing up in the Mill Springs community of Jefferson County, Tennessee and he celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday on August 23, 2021. He attended Jefferson High School and then Carson Newman College. He graduated from the University of Tennessee Knoxville and was commissioned as an officer in the United States Marine Corps in 1959.

His career in the Marine Corps led him to the war in Vietnam where he was commander of ground reaction forces involved in heavy fighting at the DMZ and the TET combat mission. He also served in Rota, Spain and later attended and graduated the "Command and Staff" College in Quantico, Virginia. Due to his experience and his training, he was sent back to Vietnam to serve as an Advisor to the Vietnamese Marines who were engaged in severe combat with the North Vietnamese Army. Later he was assigned to Hawaii and was Battalion Commander of the 2nd BN, 4th Marines. In 1982, he retired after serving his country for twenty-three years in the United States Marines Corp.

After his career in the United States Marine Corps, Colonel Boston transitioned to civilian